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TWENTY-SEVEN COMPLETE WORK STUDY PROGRAM

Twenty-seven participants in the Library of Congress Work Study Program received certificates of completion of the program in a ceremony held in the Whittall Pavilion on Monday, May 14.

The Work Study Program, begun in 1970, offers high school students on-the-job training at the Li-

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INTEREST RATES REDUCED BY LC CREDIT UNION

The Library of Congress Federal Credit Union has reduced its annual percentage rate from 12 per cent to 10.8 per cent between June 1 and August 31. This lower rate of interest applies to new and refinanced loans in which at least $300 of new money is borrowed. Additional information is available from Credit Union Manager Jim Mitchell, ext. 5852.

The Credit Union is open daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on paydays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Credit Committee meets at noon each Monday and Thursday to review loan applications. The Credit Union's new office is located in Room 1008-SB on the west side of the Annex Building, adjacent to the elevator lobby.

JOSEPHINE JACOBSEN APPOINTED LC CONSULTANT IN AMERICAN LETTERS

Josephine Jacobsen, Consultant in Poetry in English to the Library of Congress for the last two years, has been appointed to a three-year term as Honorary Consultant in American Letters to the Library.

Mrs. Jacobsen, of Baltimore, Md., whose term as Consultant in Poetry is ending in June, is one of 10 notable American authors now serving as Honorary Consultants in American Letters. They advise the Library on the acquisition of literary works, particularly of manuscripts and foreign books in the field of belles letters; advise on the selection of the Consultant in Poetry in English; recommend bibliographic projects on specific collections of materials in the Library; and suggest scholars to carry out such projects. They also advise on the selection of contemporary poets to be recorded by the Library reading from their works, and they assist in specific literary activities undertaken by the Library on which the expert advice of American writers is required.

The fourth woman to be appointed the Library's Poetry Consultant since the position was established 37 years ago, Mrs. Jacobsen is the first woman to be reappointed to a second term. She was in charge of the Library's first Conference on the Teaching of Creative Writing held on January 29 and 30. She concluded the Library's 1972-73 season of literary programs on May 7 with a lecture titled "The Instant of Knowing."

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First published more than 30 years ago, Mrs. Jacobsen is predominantly a poet, although she also writes short stories and literary criticism. The latest of her works is *New and Selected Poems*, to be published by Doubleday in hardback and paper editions in 1974. [See LC *Information Bulletin* story, April 27.]

The other nine Honorary Consultants in American Letters to the Library of Congress serving at present are Conrad Aiken, James Dickey, Clare Boothe Luce, Bernard Malamud, James A. Michener, William Jay Smith, William Stafford, William Styron, and John Updike.

On Wednesday, May 30, Mrs. Jacobsen appeared in a farewell program of readings sponsored by the Library of Congress Professional Association and the Welfare and Recreation Association. Introduced to the Coolidge Auditorium audience by Peter Watters, President of the LCPA, Mrs. Jacobsen was thanked for her many contributions to the Library by Jack McDonald, Vice President of WRA, who, on behalf of both organizations, presented to her a framed photo offset print of a pen and ink drawing of the Great Hall by Paul Boswell of the Serial Division.

POPULAR TITLES PLACED ON SPECIAL MARC DATA BASE

"Popular Titles–Part I," a special MARC data base contining 7,831 records representing titles frequently ordered from April 1969 through September 1970, is available from the Card Division. All of the records represent English monographs cataloged before 1968. The card number series of the records range from 41 through 67 with a heavy concentration in the later series. None of these titles has appeared previously in the MARC Distribution Service.

Part I will be available for sale as a separate file through March 1974 for $435 from the Subscriber Accounts Unit, Card Division, Library of Congress, Building 159, Navy Yard Annex, Washington, D.C. 20541.

Part II, which will consist of approximately 8,600 titles, will be available at a future date.

FOUR WINS ON THE BOOKS FOR WRA SOFTBALL TEAMS

There is a rumor circulating that the sluggers of the **WRA Ladies' Softball Team,** managed by Rosita Thomas, are being scouted by the Orioles. Baltimore (might well) use batters of the calibre which beat IBEW 46 to 1 and the National Bank of Washington 35 to 12. The ladies play on Monday evenings at 6:15 p.m. on Field 15 or 17 at 23rd St. and Constitution Ave.

Rain has dogged the **WRA Men's Fast-Pitch Softball Team's** efforts by cancelling two games. However, Don Marcus reports that the other two games resulted in victories for the team against the RPA 8 to 5, and against the GSA Data Processing, 3 to 0. The team plays on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. at 17th St. and Independence Ave., at Field R19.

The **WRA Men's Slow-Pitch Softball Team** has had the following results: U.S. Postal Service 13, LC 4; Southeast Senators 15, LC 14; Barton Ascman 12, LC 6; and Hazbins 8, LC 2. George Thomas' men plan revenge on June 4 when they meet a team which has also lost its first four games. Game time is 7 p.m. at Field 20 near the Reflecting Pool.

Employees and their families are invited to attend the games.

For report of the 82nd meeting of the Association of Research Libraries held in New Orleans, May 11-12, see Appendix to this issue.

STAFF NEWS

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Kay Guiles Appointed MARC Bibliographic Specialist

Kay D. Guiles, Senior Library Information Systems Specialist in the MARC Development Office, has been appointed MARC Bibliographic Systems Specialist. Mr. Guiles will act as the principal liaison officer for the MARC Development Office with units in the Library involved with automated catalog control. In this position, he will be responsible for coordinating research and development activities, on-going production activities, and user requirements.

Mr. Guiles is a graduate of the University of Nebraska (B.Sc.Ed., 1953; M.A., History, 1955) and of the University of Michigan (M.S.L.S., 1958). He came to the Library of Congress in 1958 as a Special Recruit and he became a Descriptive Cataloger in the Foreign Languages Section of the Descriptive Cataloging Division upon completion of the training program. In 1965, he spent several months in the Information Systems Office as part of a team which provided an introduction and orientation to the preparation and uses of bibliographic information for ISO staff members. This effort culminated in a report, "A Proposed Format for a Standardized Machine-Readable Catalog Record," prepared under the direction of Henriette D. Avram. Mr. Guiles also worked in the Information Systems Office as part of the team that developed and implemented the MARC Pilot Project in 1966-67, he served as the Head of the French Section, Shared Cataloging Division in 1967-68, and he returned to the Information Systems Office in 1968 to participate in the development of the current MARC System. When the MARC Development Office was established in 1970 as a separate organization from the Information Systems Office, he became a Group Leader in the new MARC Development Office.

Mr. Guiles has served as an instructor in various MARC Institutes and has been active in developments related to the International Standard Bibliographic Description for Books, the American National Standards Institute Z39 Subcommittee on Machine Input Records, and the International Federation of Library Associations Working Group on Content Designators.

Lucia Rather Appointed Assistant Chief of MARC Development Office

Lucia J. Rather, Senior Library Information Systems Specialist in the MARC Development Office, has been appointed Assistant Chief of the MARC Development Office. Mrs. Rather will have the primary responsibility of assisting the Chief in the development of a major computer system to control technical processing activities in the Library of Congress and in the development of standards and codes for national and international library automation efforts.

Mrs. Rather graduated from the University of North Carolina with an A.B. in history in 1955 and received an M.S. in library science from the same university in 1957. She came to the Library of Congress in 1957 as a Searcher/Cataloger in the Preliminary Cataloging Section of Descriptive Cataloging and subsequently worked as a Cataloger first in the English Language Section and then in the Serials Section. From 1964-66, she worked in the Bibliography and Correspondence Section of the General Reference and Bibliography Division primarily as a Bibliographer on the Supplement to *A Guide to the Study of the United States of America.* In 1966 she moved to the Information Systems Office where she worked on the development of the MARC II Format. In 1970, when the MARC Development Office was established as a separate organization from the Information Systems Office, Mrs. Rather became a Group Leader in the new MARC Development Office.

Mrs. Rather has represented the Library as an instructor at numerous MARC Institutes. As Chairman of the Working Group on Character Sets of the National Libraries Task Force, she coordinated development of a computer-compatible character set that has been adopted as a library standard by the American Library Association. She is a co-author of the *MARC II Format* and several journal articles.

Appointments: Gerald L. Collins, employee development specialist, GS-11, Trng, 4746; Claude T. Frasier, invoice examiner, GS-5, Ord, 4778; Carl E. Henderson, mail clerk, GS-3, Cop Serv, 10-200; Linda A. Lojewski, conservator (paper), GS-5, Restor, 4659; Marian I. Price, card preparation clerk, GT-4, NUCPP, 4783; Patrick B. Quinn, deck attendant, GS-3, Ser, 4798; Barbee J. Suggs, serial collection assistant, GS-3, CRS L, 4833; Howard Zaritsky, legal analyst, GS-11, CRS A, 4785.

Temporary Appointments: Darlene Elliott, arranger filer, GT-3, Cat Publ, 4-500; Mark A. Lieberman, reference assistant, GS-5, CRS E, 4751; Milton C. Stevens, mail clerk, GS-3, Cop Serv, NP.

Reappointments: David Isenbergh, senior preliminary cata-

loger, GS-8, Desc Cat, NP; Tatiana Pinto, shelflister, GS-5, Subj Cat, 4722; Patricia H. Squitieri, administrative secretary, GS-7, S&R, 4829; Joseph Sturialle, serials collection assistant, GS-3, CRS L, 4833; Edward R. Tittel, studio engineer, GT-5, Mus, 4728.

Promotions: Elizabeth I. Pearcy, MARC Dev, to arranger filer, GT-3, Proc, 4799; Mary Semler, to personnel and statistic control clerk, GS-5, Proc, NP; Melissa D. Trevett, to loan reference specialist, GS-11, Loan, 4803.

Transfers: Thomas H. Neale, CRS C, to analyst in history & public office, GS-9, CRS GGR, 4822; Alcide White, S&R, to clerical assistant, GS-3, Desc Cat, 4723.

Resignations: Kathleen K. Dell, CRS C; Byron E. Harris, Ord; Gail M. Moorhouse, Ord; Connie M. Wilson, Photodup.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

George N. Atiyeh, Head of the Near East Section, Orientalia Division, has been elected Vice President of the newly-formed Middle East Librarians Association. [See related story on p. 204.]

Roy P. Basler, Chief of the Manuscript Division, is author of *A Touchstone for Greatness; Essays, Addresses, and Occasional Pieces about Abraham Lincoln,* recently published by Greenwood Press, Inc. The book is no. 4 in the Contributions in American Studies series.

Katharine W. Clugston, Head of the Audiovisual Section, Descriptive Cataloging Division, participated in the 1973 National Convention of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology held recently in Las Vegas. She also served as a panel member at a recent "Cataloging and Bibliographic Access to Nonbook Materials in College Libraries" workshop conducted by William J. Quinly at Central Washington States College, Ellensburg, Wash.

Renata V. Shaw, Bibliographic Specialist, Prints and Photographs Division, is the author of *Picture Searching; Techniques and Tools,* a guide for the generalist picture searcher published by the Special Libraries Association. The guide, containing 500 entries grouped under 30 subject headings, is available for $5.50 from the SLA, Order Department, 235 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. 10003.

Uno Teement, Assistant to the Principal Recommending Officer, Science and Technology Division, is the author of "Availability of Information on the Baltic States: Reference Tools and Baltic Material," an article which appeared in the Summer 1972 issue of the *Journal of Baltic Studies.* The paper was originally presented by Mr. Teement at the Second Baltic Information Conference of North America held in Washington, D.C. in April 1972.

Theodore Wiener, Supervisor of the Hebraic Language Unit, Descriptive Cataloging Division, is the author of two articles, "Jewish Literary Anniversaries" and a bibliography of American Hebrew Books published in 1971-72, in the 1972-73 *Jewish Book Annual.*

WORK STUDY PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS HONORED

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brary while they are completing their junior and senior years. Participants are selected from students majoring in business courses on the basis of their past academic achievement and recommendations from their teachers. [For additional information on the Work Study Program, see LC *Information Bulletin* of June 9, 1972.]

Participants honored at the recent ceremony have been working as deck attendants, clerk typists, or library aides in the Copyright Office, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Photoduplication Service, Processing Department, and the Reference Department on a part-time basis during the 1972-73 school year and several have now been hired on a full-time basis. The participants' school counselors and LC supervisors attended the ceremony where certificates were awarded by Robert W. Hutchinson, Director of Personnel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs Charles Gaba are the parents of a son, Charles George Ennis, born May 25, in Sibley Hospital. Mrs. Gaba is a Loan Reference Specialist in the Loan Division and Mr. Gaba works for the Export-Import Bank.

The LC **Professional Association** will present a program on the Equal Opportunity Program on Wednesday, June 13, in the Whittall Pavilion at 11:45 a.m. Thomas Brackeen, Coordinator of the EO Program, will speak on the operation of the Program and the organization and function of the office.

The **WRA Travel Club** will hold a get-acquainted meeting on Friday, June 15, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Whittall Pavilion. Travel agents will be present to answer questions about planning vacations and refreshments will be served.

Seniors presented with certificates for completion of the Work Study Program are (seated left to right) Mary K. Yanoshik, Donna M. Heflin, Elizabeth I. Pearcy, Linda A. Carufel, and Jancie M. Colbert. Standing (l-r) are Gail M. Moorhouse, Kathryn M. Hume, John G. Walzer, Linda C. Bryant, Diane M. Meehan, and Steven E. Wilson.

Other students receiving certificates included (seated l-r) Diana E. Wilson (junior), Pamela J. Miles, Michelle Butler, Lois A. Johnson, and Sybil J. Tolbert. Standing (l-r) are Romola Mullins (LC Placement Office), Robert V. Offutt, Robin C. Nicholson, Michael L. Cunningham (junior), Guy P. Brussat, Robert J. Hurley, and Beverly Singleton (junior). Participants in the Work Study Program not pictured include Emmanuel J. Demesme, Wayman L. Griggs, Lloyd R. Hillman, Eker A. Meadows, Natalie G. Perry, Benjamin F. Stevens, Calvin F. Williams, and Michael R. Young.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Accessions List: Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, and Brunei. ISSN 0041-7742. Vol. 8, No. 2. February 1973. (pp. 23-57.) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, APO San Francisco 96356.

Accessions List: Middle East. Vol. 11, No. 3. March 1973. (pp. 51-73.) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Acting Field Director, Library of Congress Office, U.S. Interests Section, Spanish Embassy, Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt.

Accessions List: Sri Lanka. ISSN 0090-3736. Vol. 7. No. 1. February 1973. (pp. 1-15.) Formerly called the *Accessions List: Ceylon,* this list will be published two times a year during February and August, instead of four times a year. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Assistant Field Director for Special Operations, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, New Delhi, India.

Books: A MARC Format. 5th ed. Addendum No. 6, May 1973. (1 p.) Available upon request from the Subscriber Accounts Unit, Card Division, Library of Congress, Building 159, Navy Yard Annex, Washington, D.C. 20541. This addendum, issued by the MARC Development Office, describes minor changes for handling physical records and minor changes in the Volume Header Label and the File Header Label.

Films: A MARC Format; Specifications for Magnetic Tapes Containing Catalog Records for Motion Pictures, Filmstrips, and Other Pictorial Media Intended for Projection. 1970. Addendum No. 2, May 1973. (1 p.) Addendum No. 3, May 1973. (1 p.) Available upon request from the Subscriber Accounts Unit, Card Division, Library of Congress.

Maps: A MARC Format; Specifications for Magnetic Tapes Containing Catalog Records for Maps. 1970. Addendum No. 1, April 1973. (21 p.) Addendum No. 2, May 1973. (1 p.) Available upon request from the Subscriber Accounts Unit, Card Division, Library of Congress.

New Microfilm Publications: The Library of Congress Photoduplication Service has available a list of titles and circular letters. The information in the circulars currently available refers to material available on microfilm or electrostatic prints for purchase from the Photoduplication Service. The list is free upon request from the Library of Congress, Photoduplication Service, Department C, Washington, D.C. 20540.

The Photoduplication Service also maintains a mailing list for the distribution of all new or revised circulars. This service is available free to libraries and may be supplied by writing to the above address.

Press Release: No. 73-23 (May 18) Elizabeth F. Stroup appointed Chief of Congressional Reference Division in Library of Congress Congressional Research Service.

Library of Congress Regulation: No. 2010-3, page 2, (May 15), provided for the designation of Equal Opportunity Officers and Counselors by the Librarian.

Special Announcements: No. 562 (May 14) announced the appointment of John O. Hemperley to the position of Budget Officer; No. 563 (May 14) reported the appointment of Elizabeth F. Stroup as Chief, Congressional Reference Division, Congressional Research Service; No. 564 (May 18) concerned street parking for Library staff carpools; No. 565 (May 24) reported the cost of living adjustment of annuities.

NEW REFERENCE WORKS

George H. Gallup's *The Gallup Poll; Public Opinion 1935-1971* (New York, Random House, 1972. 3 vol. HN90.P8G3) has been added to the reference collection in the Main Reading Room. These three volumes include the findings of all Gallup Poll reports, more than 7,000, from the founding of the Poll in October 1935 through December 1971. Covering many topics and issues, the reports "present a view of changing American political and social thought since the New Deal." Each report contains all the statistical data as originally released to newspapers; editorial and interpretative material which accompanied the reports has been omitted because of space limitations. The reports are arranged chronologically, and an index provides access by subject. Information on the Gallup Pool's election survey methods and experiences is also included. [*Betty Jenkins*]

To assist consumers in interpreting such food labels as the laws now require is the purpose of two reference books recently added to the shelves of the Main Reading Room: *A Consumer's Dictionary of Food Additives,* by Ruth Winter (New York, Crown Publishers, 1972. 235 p. TX553.A3W55), and *Eater's Digest: the Consumer's Factbook of Food Additives,* by Michael F. Jacobson (Garden City, N.Y., Doubleday, 1972. 260 p. TX553.A3J23). The titles are descriptive.

The Winter book is strickly a dictionary, an alphabetical list of about 1,4000 substances with definitions, common uses, and dangers, if any. Variant names are included in their alphabetical positions as

cross-references. A brief introduction touches on the general functions of additives, the Government's Policies as to testing (of which the author has a low opinion), and the GRAS (Generally Recognized as Safe) list.

The Jacobson "factbook" contains more extensive discussions of fewer substances, slightly more than 100 entries with substances treated in family groups. Additional features include a chapter on the "Standards of Identity" for common foods established by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, a table of banned additives, a table of chemical formulas, and an index.

[*Elizabeth Zach*]

The fourth edition of the *General World Atlases in Print* compiled by S. Padraig Walsh (as shown on the title page of the text) or by James Patrick Walsh (as shown by the Library of Congress Cataloging in Publication data), has been published by R. R. Bowker and Company, New York and London, 1973, $12.50. This 211-page book purports to provide a "comprehensive guide to all available general world atlases in the English language." Its coverage includes about 140 atlases and provides an evaluation of each atlas based on factors of cost, purpose, age suitability, authority, accuracy, currency, types of maps, balance, scope, contents, arrangement, projections, format, scale, and indexing. About 40 major atlases are reviewed and placed under four categories based on the criteria mentioned above. This book should be a useful guide in the selection of a general world atlas not only for the general public, but for the more specialized users of atlases. This book has been classified as Z6028.W 27.1973 and is available for consultation in the Geography and Map Division Reading Room, 845 South Pickett St., Alexandria, Va. 20540.

[*Donald A. Wise*]

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

AFI Catalog Editor Is Appointed

Richard P. Krafsur, a scholar in American studies, has been appointed Executive Editor of *The American Film Institute Catalog*, a comprehensive reference work on the American cinema. He succeeds Stephen F. Zito, who recently joined the AFI Theater staff as Program Planner. Mr. Krafsur is former editor of the Rose Bibliography, a computerized, annotated bibliography of social change in the United States since the Civil War.

The *Catalog*, a major documentation project of the AFI, will, on completion, document every short film, feature film, and news film produced in the U.S. since 1893. The first volume, published by R. R. Bowker in 1971 and entitled *Feature Films, 1921-1930*, will be followed by 18 more volumes.

Mr. Krafsur will be responsible for the total management and editorial supervision of the *Catalog*, which is supported through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Krafsur and his staff of 13 AFI researchers carry out the project at the Library of Congress, which provides space and access to essential records.

Bill M. Woods Resigns Engineering Index Post

Bill M. Woods, a former Executive Director of the Special Libraries Association, has resigned from his position as Executive Director of Engineering Index, Inc., due to illness. Mr. Woods joined EI, a publisher of abstracts and an index to significant engineering developments, in March 1968.

Head of the Library of Congress' Processing Section, Map Division, from 1958-59, Mr. Woods served for the next eight years as Executive Director of SLA.

Benjamin Botkin Named to Honorary Post

Benjamin A. Botkin, retiring President of the National Folk Festival Association, has been named Honorary President by the group's Board of Directors. Mr. Botkin, Head of the Archive of Folk Song at the Library of Congress from 1942-45 and editor of numerous collections of folklore, suffered a stroke in April 1971 and is now recuperating at his home in Croton-on-Hudson, New York.

AAP Elects Board Chairman, Loses President

Ross D. Sackett has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Association of American Publishers at the organization's annual meeting in Tarpon Springs, Fla. Mr. Sackett, who is President of the Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational Corporation, succeeds Robert L. Bernstein, President of Random House. Mr. Sackett has served as Secretary and Vice Chairman of the AAP Board as well as Chairman of its Washington Affairs Committee.

Edward M. Korry, AAP President since 1972, has resigned to become President of the United Nations Association of the U.S.A., Inc. Until a new president is appointed, Curtis Benjamin, former Chairman of the Board of the McGraw-Hill Book Company, will aid the AAP staff.

Technical Communicators Will Hold Banquet

The Society for Technical Communication will hold its annual banquet on Saturday, June 16, at the Tai-Tung Chinese Restaurant, 622 Eye St., N.W., Washington, D.C. The program will include the presentation of publication awards and the installation of new officers. A happy hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Further information is available from Nelson Fitton, Department of Agriculture, at 447-6623 (work) or 971-4495 (home).

Federal Library Committee Meets

Alan Rees, Case Western Reserve University, and Tyrus G. Fain, President of the National Congressional Analysis Corp., addressed the Federal Library Committee at its May 23 meeting. Mr. Rees reported on his analysis of points to be discussed in a major study on Federal library storage problems. Mr. Fain described the daily summary and topical index of the *Congressional Record* which his company publishes.

Journal Seeks Baltic Studies Articles

The *Journal of Baltic Studies*, sponsored by the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies, invites the submission of articles and book reviews relating to the Baltic peoples (Estonians, Latvians, and Lithuanians) in the fields of bibliography, literature, linguistics, folklore, history, and the social sciences. Comparative articles on cultural interaction, bilingualism, the experience of emigration and exile, the survival of minority cultures, and Soviet language and nationality policy, as they relate to the Baltic peoples, are welcome.

Articles may be submitted to Arvids Ziedonis, Jr., Editor, *Journal of Baltic Studies*, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa. 18104.

Irish University Press Begins Series

The Irish University Press has announced the publication this month of the first three volumes of *Documents of the American Revolution, 1770-1783*. K. G. Davies, Professor of History at the University of Bristol and at one time Assistant Keeper of the Public Records, is editing the series of 18 or 20 volumes, selected from Colonial Office records in the Public Record Office, the principal documentation of the American Revolution from the British point of view.

In a pattern which will be continued through the series, Volume I is a *Calendar* of every letter which has survived in Colonial Office records for the period 1770-71; Volumes II and III present *Transcripts* of documents of outstanding interest for the same period in full. Inquiries about the series may be addressed to Irish University Press, Inc., 485 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.

Middle East Librarians Association Formed

The Middle East Librarians Association (MELA) was formally established on November 9, 1972 by a group of librarians during the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA). Its membership is open to librarians dealing with the Middle East and to others interested in the study or dissemination of information about the Middle East following the rise of Islam. While there are no organic ties between MELA and MESA, the two associations work closely together in the furtherance of library support for Middle East studies.

The purposes of the Middle East Librarians Association include the promotion of communication among members through meetings and publications; the improvement of the quality of area librarianship through the development of standards for the profession and education of Middle East library specialists; the compilation and dissemination of information concerning Middle East libraries and collections; and the representation of the judgement of the members in matters affecting library and related activities.

The present officers of MELA are Bruce D. Craig, University of Minnesota, President; George N. Atiyeh, Library of Congress, Vice President; Martha L. P. Dukas, Harvard College Library, Secretary-Treasurer; and James W. Pollock, Indiana University, Editor of MELA *Newsletter*. The first issue will appear next Fall.

The Association meets in conjunction with the Middle East Studies Association's annual conference, which this year will take place on November 9-11 at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

Correction: Information concerning a public library measurement study currently underway at Rutgers University under the direction of Prof. Ernest R. DeProspo, Jr., is available from Gerald M. Born, Executive Secretary, Public Library Association, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611. An adaptation of this study, a measurement of academic libraries, is being conducted by Binford H. Conley at Rutgers. The April 6 issue of the LC *Information Bulletin* stated incorrectly that information for both studies was available from Mr. Conley.